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HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA

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1. FOREIGN MINISTER K.B. ANDERSEN, IN A LETTER DATED
FEBRUARY 18, 1977, RESPONDED TO THE DANISH TRADE UNION
FEDERATION (LO) PROTEST OF FEB 4 AGAINST HUMAN RIGHTS
VIOLATIONS IN CZECHSLOVAKIA. WE HAVE RECEIVED A COPY OF THIS
LETTER FROM THE LO.

2. IN HIS REPLY TO LO PRESIDENT HOMAS NIELSEN, ANDERSEN
DECLARED DENMARK'S INTENTION OF RAISING ITS CONCERN OVER
HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS IN GENERAL, AND CONCRETE CASES IN
PARTICULAR, AT THE BELGRADE FOLLOW-UP MEETING. ANDERSEN
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NOTED THAT IT WOULD BE DENMARK'S INTENTION TO AVOID
DAMAGING THE CHANCES FOR A CONSTRUCTIVE MEETING AT BELGRADE,
WHICH COULD CONTRIBUTE TO THE LONG-TERM PROSPECTS FOR THE
RELAXATION OF TENSIONS, BY ENGAGING IN OVERLY STRONG PUBLIC
POLEMICS.

3. ANDERSEN POINTED OUT, IN THE GREATER PART OF HIS

LETTER, THE TECHNICAL REASONS WHY IT WAS NOT POSSIBLE
FOR DENMARK TO RAISE CZECHOSLOVAKIAN HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS
AT THE UNITED NATIONS UNDER ARTICLE 41. HE CONCLUDED BY
PLEDGING CONTINUED DANISH GOVERNMENT ATTENTION TO EFFORTS
TO IMPROVE THE CONDITIONS OF DISSENTERS IN EASTERN EUROPE
AND PRAISED THE ENGAGEMENT OF THE LO IN THESE MATTERS.
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